

Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club

Purpose

The Kids Lunch Club operates every weekday during the summer and serves free, nutritious meals to kids aged 1-18 who already qualify for free meals during the school year at 10 outdoor locations. After lunch there are planned activities that keep kids educated and active.

Impact

18,695 lunches + 21,294 weekend meals = 39,989 total meals served to children in need in 2015

Site attendance averaged 346 children a day with 1,644 individual children being served in 2015

Through the Governor's Weekend Backpack Program, Mid-Ohio Food Bank as well as donations from individual farmers in our community, the Kids Lunch Club distributed over 88,000 pounds of fresh produce to kids and families at the sites.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
OSU Extension

Community Partners Involved

Westerville City Schools
City of Westerville
Blendon Township
Westerville Parks and Recreation Department
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
Westerville Public Library
Northtowne Elementary School
Grace Polaris Church
Alliance Data
Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital
Abbey Lane Apartments
Parkridge Park Apartments
The Brookeville Apartments
Otterbein University
The Ohio State University
Mid-Ohio Food Bank
The Ohio Association of Foodbanks
Governor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives
Ohio Department of Education
Kiwanis Club of Westerville
Rotary Clubs of Westerville
VISTA Summer Associates
McDonald's
.... and more!



How you can get involved:

- Volunteer at a Kids Lunch Club site
- Become a corporate or individual sponsor
- Spread the word about summer meals on social media to reduce the stigma of hunger

To get involved, contact:

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